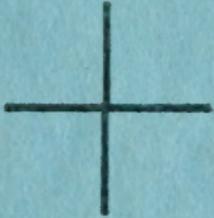




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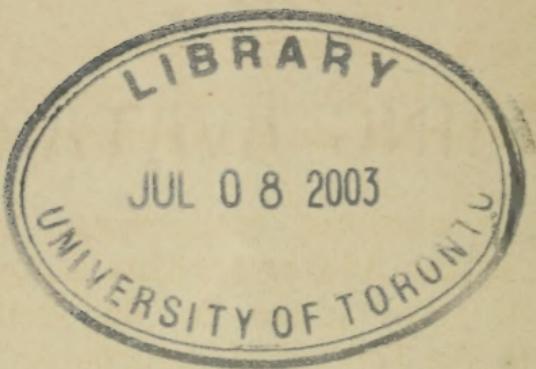
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FOREWORD.

This is a most important time for sending out to the world generally this little booklet on the Coming Avatar.

The revelations concerning the coming of the Avatar for this Aquarian Cycle was given to an inner Order of the Temple of the People in the year 1898 by the Masters of the Great White Lodge. It was held within the confines of the Order for a few years and then put out gradually more and more publicly.

The contents of this booklet are mainly quotations from the Master Hilarion, the Regent of the Red Ray. This great Master is also the Annunciator of the Coming Avatar for this cycle and from time to time, has imparted vital truths on this subject in the official magazine of the Temple of the People, namely, the Temple Artisan.

Much more concerning the Avatar to come is given in the book "Teachings of the Temple." compiled from the instructions transmitted by the Master Hilarion. It is a book of 700 pages, filled with inspiring and helpful teachings, in addition to the remarkable data concerning the Avatar.

Relative to the World Teacher coming in 1975, and our revelation of the Coming of the Avatar in 1928, H. P. Blavatsky put forth the teaching that a World Teacher or Lodge Messenger comes at the last quarter of every century. H. P. B. herself was such a World Teacher, and in a sense an Avatar, but there is some distinction between a World Teacher and an Avatar. An Avatar is an incarnation of a Divine Ray, the Christos, while a World Teacher reflects forces and teachings, the difference being, that the Avatar is a direct radiation of these teachings and forces. Or one might say it is the difference between an Agent and that which an Agent

represents. So there is really no contradiction between the teachings on this subject as given by H. P. B., and the teachings given through the Temple.

We are in the Messianic Cycle and an era of transition from one order of things to another order, and there is bound to be more or less confusion in the minds and emotions of people in these cycles of change. Therefore, this little booklet is sent forth with the authorization of Those Who Know, and with the earnest hope that it may help to bring order out of chaos and be a beacon light to those who sincerely desire the Truth.

By the Guardian in Chief.
Halcyon, California.

THE COMING AVATAR

THE MESSAGE

Hearken, ye children of the New Dispensation! The time is near at hand when He who is to come will reappear among men for the Unification of the races of the earth. Open your eyes that you may see! Open your ears that you may hear! And open your hearts that the Son of Man may have a place to lay His head, lest He pass you by and ye know Him not!

From Temple Artisan of Feb. 1911.

THE REVELATION

From time to time, within the last seven years, articles have appeared in magazines and newspapers, prophetically announcing the coming of a new Avatar-- a Savior-- to earth.

In some of these articles it has been definitely claimed that reincarnation had already been accomplished in the

form of a child born either in a far eastern country or elsewhere. In other articles, certain men are brought forward as reincarnations of the Master Jesus, and systems of philosophy have been founded as the recent teachings of the supposedly newly incarnated Christ.

There is a rapidly growing and widespread belief that a "new dispensation" is in process of precipitation, and that the long looked-for re-appearance of Jesus will give the final impetus, and supply the required leadership for a world-wide movement in the direction of righteousness.

Jesus said "For many will come in my name, saying I am the Christ, as the time draweth near. Go ye not therefore after them." Again he said "For as the lightning cometh out of the east and shineth even unto the west so shall also the coming of the Son of Man be."

Never, to our knowledge, has there been given a reasonable exposition of the prophecies regarding the appearance of the Great Master, the approx-

imate time, the place, the method and form of His embodiment-until they were given by certain Initiates of the White Lodge to a group of selected disciples of the Temple in the year 1898. The full information entrusted to the original group by the Initiates aforesaid, has been kept secretly within the archives of the Temple, and for the first time we propose to put in print some of those features, which have hitherto only been given under the seal of silence.

Before giving these details we wish to quote a few words spoken by Jesus and by the Apostle Paul, as follows: "And then shall they see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory." Luke 21:27. "For as a snare shall it come on all of them that dwell on the face of the earth." Luke 21:35. "There are also celestial bodies, and bodies terrestrial, but the glory of the celestial is one and the glory of the terrestrial is another." I Cor. 15:40

The following is a quotation from private records given by the Master in the year 1904:- "The kriyasakti-

created body of the Great Master has descended to the lower astral and has proceeded to create a form by an astral process akin to the birth of a child on the physical plane, that is, by the reflection of the spiritual life essence from his kriyasakti-created form into the form of a human being. That form will remain in the lower astral plane, in process of growth, for a period amounting to 30 years of earthly time. If you were to see that form at the present there would be nothing in its appearance to mark it as differing from other forms (design bodies) of the children who are to be born in the future generations upon the earth, save for the greater perfection of form, feature, expression and power."

The great spiritual awakening now taking place upon the earth is due to the tremendous forces in action for the astral growth of that Entity, which forces are being precipitated on the physical plane in preparation for the coming Christ. But the necessity for physical birth has passed for Jesus, the Christ. The last earthly in-

carnation of that Entity, as Jesus, closed its line of physical incarnation. The incarnating Ego now lives eternally in the Fire--Nirmanakaya--body.

The power resident in the Fire body will permit the coming Avatar to appear or disappear at will (once it has entered the physical plane in the body now forming).

If it were not for the physical work He has to perform there would seem to be no reason why the Avatar should require such a body as is now materializing astrally. But He could not remain for any great period of time, safe and visible to all in the third dimensional world, while in a body belonging to the substance of the fourth dimension. The energy resident in the latter would destroy all whom it came in contact with, as, for instance, the energy of pure radium would destroy all flesh within its radius if not confined in matter of coarser vibration.

"The Ego must sheathe its Nirmanakaya Robe--body--in a body of greater density, coarser texture, to

contact physical matter without injury to the latter."

If the above be true, the stories of the present day in relation to different incarnated bodies of the Christ must be due to mistaken directions, or false presentations of a coming reality. Surely the prophetic words of the second Biblical quotation above noted could scarcely be more perfectly verified than by the imparting of such a tremendous fact as the coming of a Christ, the methods of His coming, the approximate time and place to nine unknown, insignificant, and unprepared people living in an obscure part of the world.

To those of our number who have understood the Master's instructions relating to the construction, unstable character and interpenetration of the atoms of the force, substance and matter of all forms of the four lower of the seven planes of existence, the great ideas and facts uttered by the Master, and quoted above, will appeal with much power.

From Temple Artisan, Nov., 1911

A GUARDIAN WALL

"I have scarcely ceased telling you, during the last decade, that your right to the protection and help of the White Lodge, and what is of much more importance, the possibility of preparing, as it were for the coming central figure of a new humanity rests upon implicit obedience to the laws laid down, and not upon the action of any personality.

We can easily displace one or a dozen disciples from positions which have been usurped or misused; but we cannot form the Guardian Wall for that Great Center, the coming Avatar, without the suitable, steadfast, coherent stones (disciples) with which to build it; and without that Wall no such Center can maintain individual form for any length of time on the physical plane."

From "Constructive Forces.",
"Teachings of the Temple."

DIVINE STATUS OF AN AVATAR

The student of occultism who has accepted the teachings of the Masters of Wisdom anent the illusory character and the impermanence of all matter on the physical plane and the reality and endurance of the three higher of the seven states of manifested life, namely, Atma, Buddhi, and Manas, is prepared to accept the statement that the Christos, or Buddhi, "the first born Son of God", is in fact a state of energy, although far beyond the investigation or even the imagination of man in his present state of existence. It is taught that this state of energy is actually Spiritual Light, the original Source of all Light, and that it is reflected within the mentality of man and also in that of every living creature in varying degrees. Therefore every man is a potential Christ.

The brighter the illumination of mind resulting from the reflected light of the Christos, the more rapidly does the mentality of the normal

human being absorb or assimilate and generate that energy and approach the state of evolution which makes possible his admission to one of the highest orders of manifested life, the Avataral Order, in which he is prepared for open avowal of his mission in the world. A fully prepared Avatar has gained full power over physical life and death and over all matter which constitutes form in the lower orders of life. He has passed through myriads of lives in these lower orders, as well as through many of the higher orders of Adepts-ship ere he reaches the Budhistic state, from which he enters perfection—Wherein he becomes an individual Christ, a Saviour of the race to which he belongs by evolutionary right.

At the beginning of every great age in the earlier stages of a Manvantara the Avatar karmically connected with the units of a previously great race reincarnates in the body of a child, grows to maturity, and eventually proclaims his mission as

teacher, therefore Saviour, of all those who may accept him.

When the Ego of an Avatar has reached and possibly passed into the Buddhistic order of life, it may not be necessary for it to reincarnate in the body of a child on earth or on any other planet of this solar system. It has evolved a form similar to that which the disciples of Jesus saw at the time of his transfiguration--a glorified body, sometimes termed a Nirmanakaya Robe, which is visible only through the interior sense of sight in the case of a physical man. The Nirmanakaya Body of a great Buddha would be like unto a sun in brightness to the psychic sense of the observer, and if in the course of the evolution of the race, a change in vibration had occurred which had unsealed the interior vision of the units of that race, they might invision the Buddha or Christ, as clearly as they might now behold an Avatar in a physical body were one upon the earth.

From "Teachings of the Temple."

THE SCIENTIFIC AND MYSTICAL BASIS

The nearness of a Nirmanakaya Body to the auric center of the earth would be sufficient to raise the vibrations of every human being and even of the substance of the earth itself; and this change in vibration would raise the senses of man, especially the senses of sight and sound, to a marked degree.

There are certain correspondences between different grades or states of energy and substance which greatly aid the intellect in solving many of the most mysterious processes of nature, chief of which are processes by which spiritual light becomes manifested as light on the plane of gross matter.

What is true of the reincarnation or of the development of an Avatar is equally true of the lesser orders of life. The spiritual light which illuminates the mind and soul of an Avatar, illuminates the mind and soul of every human being. As before said, it is but a matter of degree and of prepar-

ation for the reception of that light. The Light of the Central Spiritual Sun—spiritual light—is in actuality the light, or energy, we term the “Christos”. The soul of man is primarily a reflection, so to speak, a beam of that light, clothed in energy or substance of lower vibratory rates.

In terms of Matter the first Trinity in manifestation is Light, Heat, and Electricity. A composite unit of the three states of energy is the basis of the substance which clothes the reincarnating soul, or personal Ego. It is the Thinker and the Thought and the Expression. In differentiation the Thought becomes the etheric body, and the Expression is that etheric body clothed in the gross matter of the physical plane.

I have only touched on this vast subject. My purpose in doing so has been to aid in furnishing a working hypothesis by means of which some understanding of the problem presented by the prophesied return of an Avatar might, at least partially, be solved. It must be understood that whether the Coming Avatar shall ap-

pear as a reincarnation of the Ego which previously incarnated in the body of Jesus of Nazareth, in the body of a child, or in the body of a man, or whether the vibration of a race shall be so raised as to enable the units of that race to behold the Glorified Form of a Buddhi, that recognition must be by intuitive perception of the individual seer, and not by associating the form and features with those of any preceding Avatar.

In previous messages I have endeavored to show somewhat of the tremendous issues facing the present human race within the recently opened ten-year cycle, as well as the unprecedented changes which will take place in man as a whole, or in part, and even in the very substance of the earth to some degree. The rapidity with which changes are taking place in the ideas and ideals of man is not alone due to recent world-wide events. It is first of all due to the entrance of a Great Soul into Nirvana —a soul that has completed its whole round of developments—and to the nearness of another Great Soul to

earthly environment. It is said that similarly rapid changes are taking place in the flora and fauna of some parts of the earth. Naturally such changes are always taking place, but it is the rapidity with which they occur at the present time which more particularly attracts attention.

It has also been taught by Masters of High Degree that these changes will culminate to a marked extent in the year 1928, and that a point of their culmination is due to fall between certain parallels of latitude and longitude on the Western Hemisphere, directly opposite a similar point between the same parallels on the Eastern Hemisphere, thus closing a cycle of time and space which opened nearly two thousand years ago.

In a prophecy made by one of the older Sages, we find the words: "The child of the East must lie in the West wind to receive the call to action." There are now many indications of the fulfillment of this prophecy. The young men of many eastern nations are rapidly receiving the call to social and political action at the pres-

ent time in some of the countries of the Western Hemisphere, with the avowed purpose of returning to their native lands to act according to entirely new ideals.

Knowledge of the form in which the coming Avatar is to appear to man has been withheld from him for a definite purpose. If it should prove to be, as before outlined, in the form of a Glorified Body, it will not be difficult to understand how two biblical prophecies relating to the "second coming of Christ" may be fulfilled, i. e.: "He shall come in a cloud with power and great glory" and "He shall appear in the twinkling of an eye and every eye shall behold him." Natural laws would have to be suspended to make possible the verification of those two prophecies if an Avatar were to appear in a strictly physical form. But whatever be the form, or whether that form be perceptible to inner or outer vision, one indisputable fact remains, the mere seeing of the form would count for little. It will rest upon the conscious effort of the individual man or woman as to

what the final effect of that event will be upon him or her. As in former Messianic cycles, the human will enforced by Divine Will must settle the question of preparation and the course of action to be pursued in the interim between now and the final event. It would be well if each reader of this article should make an individual and present issue of this subject of the Coming of the Avatar. Above all else his or her readiness for the call of the Christ will depend entirely upon individual effort and the spirit of unselfishness which actuates that effort. We can only pray that the Christ may have mercy on the one who refuses to make the effort, for there is no mercy in the Code of Laws which governs the action of the Individual Ego—the divine Self—when the human soul is brought before its Judgment Seat.

—From “Teachings of the Temple.”

ANALOGY, BIOLOGICAL AND HISTORICAL

In the Bhagavad-Gita we read that Krishna, a symbol of any Avataric manifestation, reincarnates among men "whenever there is a decline of virtue and an insurrection of vice in the world," and that this manifestation is for the purpose of "the preservation of the just and the destruction of the wicked." In other words, it is the saving or redeeming principle that comes into manifestation whenever conditions have arrived at that stage of disintegration and chaos that would subvert the Divine Plan, if long continued.

We find analogies for this fundamental truth in alchemy, in chemistry, in biology, and in the history of all the old races of the earth. In alchemy the "elixir of life," or "alcahest," is generated when certain grades of matter have reached a prepared stage of decomposition, fermentation or dissociation of essential elements, thus liberating the spirit of

light within. This might be crudely referred to as the ferment or yeast of life. In chemistry it is a condition of nascence, when atoms are torn apart and new combinations formed. Great forces are liberated at that particular moment. In biology the process is represented when certain cells or elements are grouped so that an entirely new entity comes into manifestation with vital powers and consciousness not existing before.

In races we find this manifestation taking place when the racial consciousness has reached a low ebb of morality. Then, a redeeming force appears in the form of a teacher or spiritual leader representing the Avataric Principle, according to the degree required by that particular race. Thus we have Krishna, Buddha, Confucius, and others of the East; Quetzalcoatl of the Aztecs and Incas; Hiawatha of the Indians, and Christ coming to the whole world through Jesus, the Nazarene. All of these strove to unify discordant elements in the races in which they worked, or in the whole world, and to

give a higher impulse to human thought and consciousness.

When the world reaches a stage of disintegration or chaos, it is an indication that it is ready for this great phenomenon to occur, for as with the atoms in the Chemical reaction, a stage of nascence is imminent, and this is the beginning of a new birth, a new combination and liberation of inner forces of light, life, electricity and, in terms of the human, of higher love and divine light. All of these symbolize and actually represent a manifestation of Avataric Force which, in the Sanscrit sense, means a descent of God into or through matter.

In the year 1898 the Masters of Wisdom imparted to those in charge of the Temple work, knowledge of a great event that had occurred on inner planes, namely, the descent of the Christ or Avatar from the higher plane to the lower astral by a process corresponding to that of birth. Growth and development would occur on that plane analogous to the outer plane, and this Great One would be

clothed, so to speak, with forces and powers. Within thirty years of the time mentioned a full manifestation would occur, and as time went on from the date referred to (1898), humanity would feel more and more the impingement of this Avataric Consciousness.

Since 1898 a special service known to Templars of the inner degrees has been held in connection with this cosmical event, and interactions of force occur between the Avatar and those participating in this service, which has a profound occult bearing on the process of manifestation of "the Perfected Man and Master."

No one can or may know the exact moment, hour, month, or method of the Divine Coming. That is one of the great mysteries. It is a profound spiritual rule that the Great One always manifests in the most unexpected manner and will not be heralded by the blare of trumpets nor by any prearranged newspaper publicity. In other words, He will be known by His force, His power, and by what He says and does.

W. H. D.

From Temple Artisan, March, 1926

OLIVE BRANCH AND SWORD

Think you that the coming of the Blessed One will bring peace to the earth? Think you that your periods of labor, of struggle with limitations, of the temptations of the flesh will be lessened, and that the conditions now obtaining on the Devachanic Plane will be reproduced upon the physical plane? If so, great will be your disappointment.

No Avatar, no Great Leader of His People ever came to earth with an olive branch in his hand. Invariably He comes with a sword to divide the "Sheep and the Goats," to sunder the evils of ignorance from knowledge and truth. The olive branch materializes when the sword has done its work of separation, and the soul, stripped clean of all its hindrances, its vile imaginings, bows its head and says, "Take me, use me, trample me if need be, only cleanse me, purify me, lead me to the stream of living water that I, too, in turn may give life to those who follow me."

In the days to come, what you are working for now will come to you, whether it be the things of the world or the things of the spirit. Improved conditions may and will give you improved opportunities, but those particular opportunities are for the future. Your present opportunities, improved or neglected, will bring you peace with honor, or battle with dishonor in the coming days. The same demons of avarice, of jealousy, of hatred and despair that now pursue you so viciously will await the coming of your footsteps as they pass the portal of life's fulfillment in Devachan to death in life on the physical plane.

The Coming of an Avatar is always the signal for a harder fight than that which has preceded it; but, thanks be to the sacrifice He makes for you in His Great Renunciation, the weapons for use in that warfare are of tenfold the power and service, and your power and strength are reinforced by the power and strength of His great purpose. YOUR personal responsibility for failure will

not be lessened, but to that responsibility will be added the wisdom gained by association with His successes. The goal of your ambition may still seem far away and to have increased in power and greatness to the grandeur of a universal goal, but it will be within the reach of your vision.

Lay not thine head in the dust of earth, for, so, the armies of the Shadow shall trample thee under foot. Go forward with faith, and lo! the serried ranks of the Hosts of Light shall encompass you, and together ye shall win in the battle of the ages. The Christ shall lead you, He who holdeth the hearts of men in His keeping and will not let them go.

From the Mountain Top.

THE UNKNOWABLE

From the period when the first prophetic utterances of a racial seer were revealed to a race of people, up to the present time, the announcement of the near precipitation of some tremendous occult force, or the coming of an Angel or an Avatar for the purpose of raising the vibratory rate of this planet, has been succeeded by a flood of imitations.

The present race as a whole has been informed that if its units are to be individually benefitted by means of the advent of an Avatar, they must make conditions of mind and body for the reception and subsequent use of the forces to be spread by that Avatar; and by such information as would be available aid in the development of the principles, qualities or senses by means of which alone it would be possible to perceive the action of such forces, or to recognize the prophesied one.

Immediately upon the utterance of such a prophesy by a seer there has

arisen a class of pseudo-prophets, self-styled Adepts or Masters, who profess to be able to lead their followers through the great mysteries of life up to complete identification with God with whom all knowledge lies. Unfortunately, as it would seem, they have had access to ancient records of systems of philosophy wherein certain methods of procedure were outlined for the gaining of supernatural powers. Endorsement of these methods furnishes means to attract the curious and the soul-hungry and to hold them until such time as they learn, to their dismay, that they are no nearer their promised goal than they were at the initial stage of their effort. The preliminary work on which any possible success on occult lines would depend is never required by such teachers, for the training requisite for this purpose demands far more sacrifice, time and effort than either the teacher or the average student would give. Consequently, the student eventually finds himself in a similar position to that of the one who attempts to

study higher mathematics without any previous knowledge of the first principles of arithmetic.

Quoted from "Teachings of the Temple."

COSMIC CONSCIOUSNESS

The one all important subject that is exercising the minds of the deepest thinkers along religious lines, in this age, is that of the long prophesied return, in the comparatively near future, of the Master and Avatar formerly known as Jesus of Nazareth. The method of His reappearance, the proof of His identity, the purpose of His coming, the possibility of recognizing Him, and even His personal presence on earth at present, all these and countless minor details are discussed widely, and, in almost all instances, from such erroneous points of view as to render the one who has to listen to them in silence, while knowing that he has correct data to base certainties upon, all but desper-

ately anxious to give voice to the premises which might lead his listeners to more correct conclusions.

But such an one is so handicapped in that respect by his knowledge of the action of a certain irrevocable spiritual Law that any effort he might make to impart that knowledge to the unprepared would prove futile. And it is ignorance of this Law, or defiance of the Karma which will be the inevitable result of wilful disobedience to its mandates, that is primarily responsible for the ease with which countless numbers of both deceived and deceivers are bringing the subject of the return of the Avatar into disrepute and even into the fields of caricature.

The words, "Cosmic Consciousness," have been coined to express a state of spiritual uplift which the soul of man may enter under certain conditions of development and where all knowledge is attainable. In an effort to describe the indescribable in a few words we might say; it is a state of being where the consciousness of the individual is merged in

the consciousness of every living thing and being, and all sense of separateness is temporarily lost, while at the same time the sense of individuality remains. But no normal human being of the present races of the earth could remain in bondage to form and continue to function in that state of exaltation for any length of time; consequently when one attains to the state of spiritual consciousness referred to, the experience is instantaneous. Such an experience cannot be measured in terms of time; were it otherwise, the rapid vibrations of the spiritual state would disintegrate his gross body. Therefore when one claims to have attained to a permanent state of cosmic consciousness, he is either stating a deliberate falsehood, or is self-deceived as to the nature of the phenomena undergone. Whatever knowledge and power is attained to during the experience, if it were bona-fide, would be transferred by reflection to the brain consciousness, and if the memory cells of that brain were well-developed, they would record and re-

tain the memory of the experience, but if by any chance, his power were limited by the possession of undeveloped or degenerated memory cells, by an over-weaning personal ambition, or by desire to use the knowledge so gained for his personal advantage, and he should forget, ignore, or repudiate one particular detail of the knowledge gained in such an experience—a detail of infinite importance — and so should contribute to the misuse or abuse of that knowledge, he would plunge headlong into the left hand path, the downward path of life. That particular detail of knowledge is the individual certainty which comes during such an experience of the unity of life, and consequently the necessity for the entire subjection of his personal will and desire, if he is to take advantage of the knowledge gained.

He could never again say in truth, "I am," "I can," "I will" from the personal standpoint. He could never again stand forth as an object for personal aggrandizement. He could never again lay claim to any personal

thing or creature. Much less could he go out among men and, like a braggart, make claim to his possession of "cosmic consciousness." Even the Great Master had to stand in the world before He was "lifted up," i. e., before He attained spiritual consciousness.

If it be true that a man has been so "lifted up" and has retained the knowledge of his unity with all that lives, his associates will come to some understanding of that great reality as a result of the influences set free by his acts and words, as well as by his magneto-spiritual emanations. They will never learn it from his lips, for if it be indeed true that he has safely passed that supreme test of the disciple, even the thought of separate interests, of personal deification will be of the nature of torture to him.

Every Avatar, every Saviour of humanity has successfully passed that test ere finally reaching Nirvana.

Knowing these facts, there will be no excuse for you if you permit your-

selves to be led astray into worship of "false gods by self-advertised Avatars;" and happy indeed are you if, knowing these facts previous to such an experience as I have mentioned, you use such knowledge to fortify your personal consciousness of the truth of Unity when it shall be revealed to you by experience, for in such case your memory cells will be greatly strengthened, and you will not be in so much danger of forgetting, denying, or repudiating that which would appear to lessen your personal importance.

From "Teachings of the Temple."

RECOGNITION OF THE AVATAR

The great test of the degree of development a human soul has reached in this Messianic cycle will be whether it is a matter of vital importance as to what form, or even whether there be any visible form, the coming Avatar will choose in which to perform his mission to man.

Unless a man has evolved to the degree where it is possible for him to interiorly recognize the presence of the Christ when His contact is made within the Auric Sphere of the earth, he might then be as easily deceived, as many men are now deceived, by those who declare themselves to be Avatars of the present age. If the soul of man is evolved to the degree referred to, it will be a matter of indifference to him as to whether the Avatar will appear in a physical body or not. He will know, beyond any shadow of doubt, that the One long sought is at hand when He comes, as surely as one would be conscious of an electric shock, even if there were no dynamo or battery in sight.

In the process of development one would have created within himself a psychic center of action, within which a response would be aroused by the mental stimulus of any other attuned to the same key.

Perfect devotion to and intercommunication with the Christos would attune the consciousness to the keynote of the same; and every Avatar of the Christ strikes the same key, to use a homely illustration.

If you are a sensitive, the presence of a beloved one in your immediate vicinity is known to you at once. You have no need to argue the question with yourself or to turn about to face the physical form of that loved one —you **know**. Then how much greater would be the magnetic attraction of the vehicle of the Christos to whom your soul is drawn?

There is always a measure of doubt or disbelief, if one must see with his outer eyes before he can recognize the Truth.

From "Teachings of the Temple."

IN HIS PRESENCE

"I will endeavor to realize the presence of the Avatar as a living Power in my life."

Without formality, without outer arbitrary organization, let all who feel and believe the truth of the Advent of a Redeeming Cosmic Force, repeat the above daily and constantly. It will help to build a matrix—heart center—through which the Christ force will externalize in qualities of living power.

It was in 1898 that the Temple, in an Inner Order, known as the Order of the 36, gave out the great Message that the Avatar had been born on the astral plane and within a specified time would descend to this outer plane—not, however, by process of ordinary birth but by a process of condensation of this astral body now developing on an inner plane, and that, as this development went on, humanity generally would feel, more and more, the presence and nearness of the Coming Christly Power.

In consequence all that would transpire in the world would be preparatory to that Great Event, in all fields of human activity, religious, scientific, political and economic.

The heavens themselves proclaim this to be the Messianic cycle. The stars are singing it, the hearts of humanity are attuning to it. The old order is passing away and the New Order of the Ages is upon us. Look with the inner eye and harken with the inner ear, and the signs and sounds that herald the rosy dawn as a new day for humanity will be apparent.

Yet it is folly and vanity for anyone to predict just how this Christly Entity will appear and in what guise, whether it be with transcendent power or transcendent humility—or as an invisible, yet life-giving Sun (Son), warming and changing the Heart of the world in the twinkling of an eye. Those who know say that the Christ ever comes in the most unexpected ways, yes, even as “**the thief in the night.**”

Keep clean your heart and mind,

and the earnest endeavor to **realize His Presence** daily will assuredly help in the recognition of the Christ glimpsed in the bloom of a flower, the soft glow of the stars, the shine of kindly acts in daily life, or the spirit of Love impelling all humanity to ideals of truest Brotherhood.

—W. H. D. in Temple Artisan, Oct. 1912.

THE CHRIST WITHIN ALL

The Holy Presence is ever waiting to manifest in and through all who are prepared—in whom selfishness is being transmuted to self-less-ness and in whom the closed bud of a personal idea is unfolding to the blossom of the One Eternal Universal Self.

While in Messianic cycles, the Christos may manifest through one sensitive opening in the great iron wall that surrounds humanity and shuts out that humanity from the

shine of its Inner Higher Self—yet the great fact remains that the Christ is always **with** and **in** us—though we know it not—and though we look afar for that which is ever at hand.

Assuredly, until we are able to recognize the Christ within ourselves and in one another, we shall never be able to recognize Him where He will manifest in fullest power through some particular embodiment, at some particular time. We would be more apt to reject Him because we had not learned the lesson of the Christly “signs”—the lessons which the Heart alone can teach.

Get out of the personal ruts. Smash the hard crystalized thought-forms in the mind which have become a creed as to how this one or that one, or the Masters and the Gods, should conduct themselves in **your** view. Rather, ask yourself if you are conducting **yourself** in accord with love and brotherhood, instead of hate and disunity.

If we, as students of the Higher Life, allow ourselves to become attached to any **mortal plan** concerning

ourselves or others, the Lords of Karma and spiritual evolution, will assuredly break us to pieces on that point.

For the great and Eternal Truth is—that **Humanity is One** on a higher plane and on the lower planes of human life, the karmic lines and bonds forged, made, and broken through ages past must be adjusted and re-adjusted while we learn the basic lesson of our Unity with the **All**—with all our other selves—as we help to bear the burden of the Great World-Mother in service and love.

—W. H. D. in Temple Artisan, Dec. 1912.

THE GLORY OF THE LORD

The Ego which last was in incarnation upon this planet in the body of Jesus, the Nazarene, is the same Ego which has incarnated in every racial and national Saviour since the beginning of the present great cycle of 200,000 years, and every such Saviour has heralded the beginning of an age, a minor cycle of the major cycle. The finger of God has, as it were, drawn a smaller circle, within a larger circle, and evolved a new order of life upon it. When the great cycle is closed, the Ego which has built up the bodily expressions of those individual Saviours will pass on to take up a higher mission, perhaps upon some other planet. Its labors will fall upon the Ego which comes next in development, and it will begin to build up the vehicles or personalities for its incarnations with the first minor cycle of the major cycle. The incarnating Ego of the Saviours of any one major cycle is the Great Initiator, the "Watcher on the Threshold" for that cycle. Only as man can understand

all that is involved in the words "A Group Soul" can he understand just what Jesus was and is. The reflection of the sun which you see in a pool of water is not the real sun, yet it partakes of certain qualities and characteristics active in that sun. In illustration: If the sun were able to fix all its reflections permanently and endow them with mind, the vibrations in continuous action between the sun and those reflections might gradually evolve a Group Soul; the sun being the central figure, there would be a continual interaction of forces and principles and the sun and its reflections would become one inseparable entity on a higher plane.

The personality of Jesus was correspondingly a reflection of the Father, the Spiritual Sun, and there obtained that perfect interaction of forces and principles between them which made them One in deed and in truth, as has also been the case with preceding Saviours.

If a perfect understanding of this important truth has come to us, it is no longer difficult to appreciate the

righteousness of the demands made upon us as to reverence, service, and implicit obedience to the commands of Jesus.

We make a tremendous mistake when we try to relegate Jesus to some inferior position and set up an abstraction in the place He held. We often hear the expression, "There is as much of the Christ in me as there was in Jesus." But this is not true. There may be as much of that divine principle potentially in such an one, but there is not **in actu**.

To whatever extent the principles and powers which constitute the Christos, the Son of God, are developed in any human being, to that extent he has become a Christ, a Saviour, and is worthy of like love and reverence.

The average idea of the great sacrifice as associated with Jesus is based upon wrong premises. It clings about the surrender of the physical body, which is but one feature of that sacrifice. The breaking forth of that first petal—the separation from the Father—the heart-breaking cry, "My

God, my God, why hast Thou forsaken me!" indicates the positive aspect of that great sacrifice, as the words, "It is finished!" indicate the negative aspect of the same, and we must not lose sight of the truth that the rendering of this great sacrifice was no more requisite for the final perfecting of Jesus than it is for the perfecting of every disciple of the White Lodge. . . .

"Rejoice, ye children of earth, for unto you is born this day a King and a Prince of the house of David," sang the seraphs in a day that is past. Yet again and again shall the same song be sung by you and yours in the days to come, and each song shall bring you closer to the fulfillment of your highest desire.

From "Teachings of the Temple."

THE LAW OF THE AVATAR

All proceeds from the One. And in the One is the Essence of All. In the above truth is the basis of the Law of Heredity. The creative cell of the parent becomes the child, but the child is merely an extension of the parent life with all the stored up character and potencies of the parent and the parent's ancestry back to the primal racial root.

Our heredity even goes back further than the racial root. As all life has come from the One Divine life—the one Divine Creative Cell—God—we have inherited divine characteristics, tendencies and powers, latent as yet, but ever seeking expression as outer development permits.

In heredity we have involved the law of Atavism which is the sudden expression in offspring of tendencies traits and characteristics, mental or physical, that belonged to the ancestral line of far back generations. The traits have skipped several generations or many generations but sud-

denly manifest. This is the law of Atavism.

This pertains to races as well as individuals. Good, bad and indifferent traits and powers thus manifest. The race and the ancestral line thus become a storehouse of character, with now and then a burst of expression of qualities that pertained to ages before. Logically, then, the Divine potency of our primal origin from Deity may burst out at any time either in a race or an individual. Here, then, must be the Law of the Avatar. That which makes an Avatar possible being an atavistic manifestation by heredity of a period when, in the life of the race, divine attributes were in outer manifestation. Such attributes may have disappeared, been sunk far beneath the surface auric soil of the race or the individual, but the seeds are there and will germinate when the time and conditions are ripe.

In this fact and law we undoubtedly find the reason for the saying, "My redeemer liveth," for no matter how far a race or individual may sink

in the scale of being, the atavistic or redeeming trait, based on the essential divinity of ancestry, far back in the morning time of the world, will assert itself and restore the status lost, that is, bring back the consciousness of kinship with the Gods—our spiritual birthright.

In all this we see the Infinite Wisdom of the Creator, for, in every atom of matter, He has implanted by virtue of our basic heredity with the Divine Ancestral Cell, the redeeming quality which, like the Christos or Avatar, will suddenly manifest in individual, race or world, in the hour of direct need.

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